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South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee to Accept Proposals for 2014

The South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (SCIRAC) will be accepting proposals for review and consideration for funding for Fiscal Year 2014. The proposal deadline is April 15, 2014.

“SCIRAC participation enables local county residents to have a meaningful role in deciding how federal funds are spent on public lands,” states Becky Nourse, Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor. The funds are available through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, which was reauthorized by Congress for one year.

RAC-funded projects must be located on National Forest System Lands in Cassia, Camas or Blaine counties, or on nearby lands if the project will benefit resources on the National Forests. Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements, or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations. The SCIRAC works closely with the Forest Service to recommend projects that will benefit forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintains roads, trails and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds.

Applications for RAC proposals can be obtained at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>, or from the SCIRAC Coordinator, Julie Thomas. Julie can be reached via e-mail at jathomas@fs.fed.us or phone at 208-737-3262.

Potential project sponsors should contact local Forest Service offices to obtain information that may be needed for a proposal, including a Forest Service contact, and to ensure proper agreements and paperwork are completed that will enable the project sponsor to obtain funding if approved by the SCIRAC. Selected project sponsors may be asked to make a short presentation to the South Central Idaho RAC.

The South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee is in the process of appointing new members. The project proposals will not be acted upon by the SCIRAC until that process is complete.

Completed applications must be received by email on or before April 15, 2014. Email completed proposals to Julie Thomas at jathomas@fs.fed.us.